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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJ: IMPACT OF EDUCATION NATIONALIZATION ON JEWISH SCHOOLS

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1. DESPITE DAILY CALLS, INCLUDING ONE APRIL 8, MINISTRY EDUCATION HAS NOT YET GIVEN APPOINTMENT FOR OZAR HATORAH GROUP. LATEST WORD IS THAT VICE MINISTER FOR EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS KAZEM VADII MAY SEE GROUP BUT FIRST WANTS TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PURPOSE OF CALL. EMBOFF WILL CONTACT HIM APRIL 9 AND GIVE HIM SUBSTANCE OF OZAR HATORAH CONCERNS.

2. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED MERRILL ROSENBERG, AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE IN TEHRAN, AND THROUGH HIM ISRAEL SZYF, OZAR HATORAH REPRESENTATIVE. NEITHER HAD HEARD OF THE DELEGATION COMING. AFTER CHECKING THEY TELL US GROUP CONSISTS OF THREE PEOPLE, BUT THEY HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON NAMES OR PRECISE TIMING OF VISIT.

3. IF IT COMES TO TEHRAN, OZAR HATORAH DELEGATION SHOULD CONSULT WITH OFFICIALS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 AS WELL AS FOREIGN EDUCATORS RUNNING SCHOOLS IN IRAN BEFORE MEETING WITH MINED OFFICIALS. EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT NATIONALIZATION OF SCHOOLS HAS NOT AFFECTED CONTENT OF CURRICULA OF FOREIGN-RUN SCHOOLS, AND EXPRESSION OF CONCERN MIGHT DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY NEEDS NAMES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS AND

THEIR TRAVEL PLANS. DEPARTMENT SHOULD SUGGEST OZAR HATORAH CONTACT
ITS TEHRAN REPRESENTATIVE CONCERNING PLANNED VISIT TO SEE IF IT IS
ADVISABLE AT THIS TIME. (FYI: SENATOR JAVITS DID NOT MENTION OZAR
HATORAH DELEGATION DURING HIS APRIL 5-6 VISIT.)
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